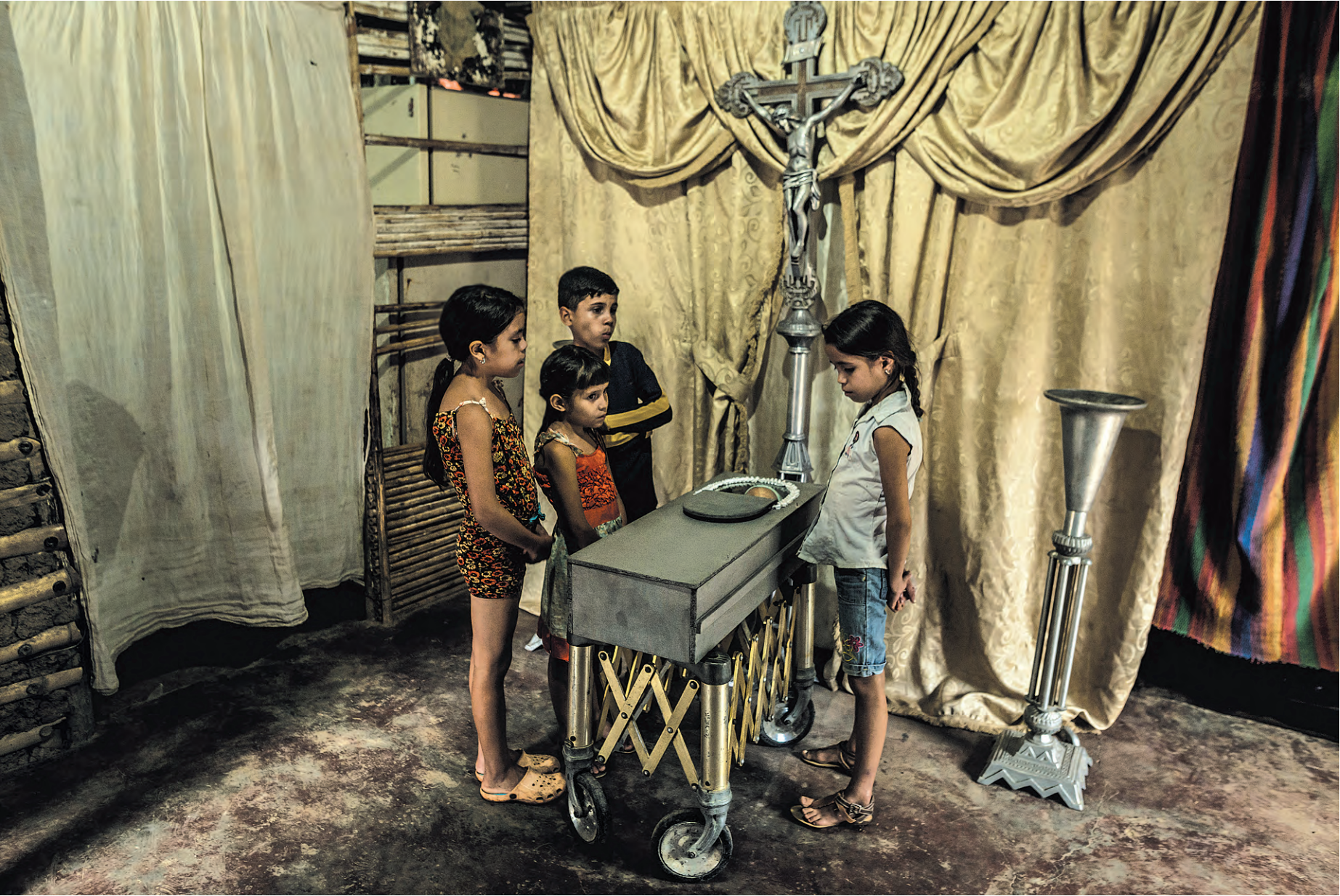




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‘My Child Has Died’

For five months, The New York Times tracked 21 public hospitals in Venezuela. Doctors are seeing record numbers of children with severe malnutrition, and hundreds have died. The government knows, but won’t admit it. SPECIAL SECTION TODAY

Intrigue Grips
Toronto’s Elite
After 2 Deaths

By CATHERINE PORTER
TORONTO — Barry Sherman, a Canadian billionaire, generic-drug mogul and philanthropist, once promised that the autobiography he was writing would be a page-turner, packed with stories of intrigue, duplicity and outright corruption by his competition. The last chapter was without doubt the most sensational — and he did not get to write it. It occurred last Friday, when his body was rolled out of his Toronto mansion by the police, together with that of his wife, Honey. On Sunday night, Toronto police announced that its homicide team was leading the investigation, and that “the cause of death for both deceased was ligature neck compression.” The couple’s real estate agent found their bodies hanging by their indoor pool, according to a person close to the family and local news reports. The police said there were no signs of forced entry and no suspects-at-large the public should be concerned about. Although the Toronto area is home to 6.2 million people, it can often feel like a small town where everyone knows one another — particularly among the small moneyed elite. And so Hanukkah and Christmas parties across the snow-swept city over the weekend were a buzzing hive of disbelief, shock and finger-pointing about the couple’s death. Continued on Page A9

Friction Rises Between Mueller’s Team and Some Trump Lawyers

By MICHAEL S. SCHMIDT
WASHINGTON — For much of the seven months since Robert S. Mueller III was appointed special counsel, President Trump’s lawyers have stressed their cooperation with him, believing that the more they work with his investigation, the sooner the president will have his name cleared. But in recent weeks, as the investigation has reached deeper into Mr. Trump’s inner circle, that image of cooperation has begun to fracture. Mr. Trump’s lawyers and supporters have significantly increased their attacks on Mr. Mueller, especially as the F.B.I. has handed them fresh ammunition to

claim that the agents investigating the president may be biased. The latest salvos came over the weekend, when a top Republican senator said Mr. Mueller should examine his team’s political leanings, and a lawyer for Mr. Trump sent a letter to lawmakers saying that the special counsel had improperly gotten emails from the presidential transition team. “Not looking good, it’s not looking good — it’s quite sad to see that, my people were very upset about it,” Mr. Trump said on Sunday when asked about the emails. “I can’t imagine there’s anything on them, frankly, because, as we’ve said, there’s no collusion, no Continued on Page A12



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Robert S. Mueller III defended his office’s tactics on Sunday.

In New Jersey, Tax Bill Looms Like a Dark Cloud

By PATRICK MCGEEHAN
LIVINGSTON, N.J. — Politically speaking, Livingston is not the bluest of the suburbs surrounding New York City. But there are few places where people are feeling any more anxious about the potential impact of the federal tax bill proposed by Republican leaders in Washington. “They’re crippling us,” said Walter Levine, who has lived in this New Jersey community since 1976. As Mr. Levine sees it, Livingston, a fairly affluent town with a population of about 30,000, could become even less affordable as residents face rising tax bills and falling home values. They could be left with less disposable income to

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Could Threaten the
Suburban Dream

spend in the local stores, setting off a “domino effect” that could derail the town’s economy. It is a dire forecast, but not a radical one. Livingston sits on the western edge of Essex County, which Moody’s Analytics, a company that provides economic research, placed at the top of its list of places whose housing markets would suffer the most under the Republicans’ plan. According to Moody’s, the tax proposal could carve as much as 10.5 percent off

the projected value of homes in Essex County in two years. Six other New Jersey counties made the top 10 on Moody’s list. Livingston’s Republican representative in Congress, Rodney Frelinghuysen, voted against the House version of the tax bill because, he said, of the “very negative impacts it would have on so many of my fellow New Jerseyans.” In many ways, Livingston is a microcosm of all the forces that will collide in the heavily taxed towns that ring New York City when the proposed tax law takes effect. These are places that have drawn residents willing to stretch their budgets to cover big mortgages and high property taxes in exchange for good schools and a Continued on Page A12

NEWS ANALYSIS

Ally of the ‘Little Guy’
In Words, Not Actions

By MICHAEL TACKETT and JIM TANKERSLEY
WASHINGTON — President Trump rarely misses a chance to offer himself up as the champion of “forgotten” Americans, men and women who feel ignored or derided by elites and believe, as he frequently says, that the “system is rigged” against them. “You will never be ignored again,” he said this month at a rally in Pensacola, Fla., a phrase that became the banner headline the next morning in the local newspaper. But this week, the president hopes to sign with great fanfare a tax bill that would deliver its largest benefits, not only in dollar terms but also as a percentage increase in income, to corporations and the wealthiest Americans. His own family stands to gain from tax breaks maintained or extended for corporate real estate ventures, and his heirs have reason to celebrate the doubling of the exemption from estate taxes: Under the bill, the Trump children and grandchildren Continued on Page A14



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Warning for Dengue Vaccine

A promising vaccine for dengue fever is in limbo after its use was suspended in the Philippines, where infection rates are high, in the face of widespread anger and safety fears. PAGE A4

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Hotel Workers Report Abuse

Female employees at the Peninsula Beverly Hills, Harvey Weinstein’s de facto headquarters, say the hotel put deference to powerful customers ahead of the workers’ well-being. PAGE A11

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A power failure forced the cancellation of more than 1,150 flights at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, the world’s busiest hub. PAGE A15

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Inside the Home of Instant Pot

The electric multicooker is a true viral phenomenon, inspiring a legion of foodies and home cooks. We went to the company’s Canadian headquarters to learn why. PAGE B1

For Trolls, Instagram Is Potent

An anti-Islamic image created by a Kremlin-connected group has proved hard to kill, an indication of the challenge of monitoring social media for propaganda. PAGE B1

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Harlem Mural Vanishes, Briefly

A sneaker chain moving to a corner storefront covered up the “Spirit of Harlem” mosaic, but changed its mind after community complaints. PAGE A16



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A Mad Monarch to Cherish

Unfurl the straitjacket: Mark Rylance is busy ruling audiences in “Farinelli and the King,” Ben Brantley writes. PAGE C1

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Owner, Accused, Will Sell Team

Jerry Richardson, facing an N.F.L. inquiry over misconduct claims, plans to sell the Carolina Panthers. PAGE D1

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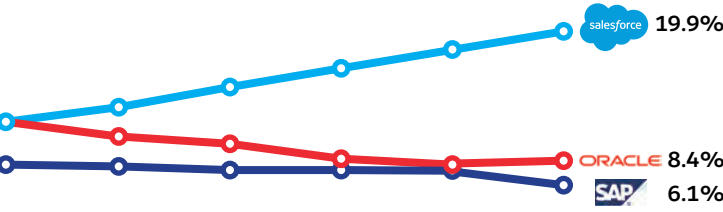
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